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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, CCD  
SUBJECT: CCD: WESTERN GROUP VIEWS ON CD MEMBERSHIP

REF: STATE 204776

1. AT WESTERN GROUP MEETING ON AUG 14, UK REP (ASHE)  
REPORTED THAT UNGA PRESIDENT MOJSOV HAD INVITED US, UK,  
USSR, FRANCE, TWO WESTERN, TWO EASTERN, AND FOUR NON-  
ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO ATTEND LUNCHEON ON AUG 16 (WITH  
YUGOSLAVIA ACTING AS HOST) FOR PURPOSE OF REVIEWING  
PROGRESS IN PROCESS OF SELECTING NEW CD MEMBERS. CANADIAN  
REP (SIMARD) AND JAPANESE REP (OGISO) STATED THEY RECEIVED  
INVITATIONS. UK REP STATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT FRENCH  
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REP (PROBABLY AMB. HESSEL) WOULD APPEAR AT LUNCHEON WHEN  
COFFEE IS SERVED. UK REP LATER TOLD US THAT ARGENTINA  
AND MEXICO WOULD BE AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES  
INVITED.

2. MENTION OF MOJSOV VISIT SPARKED DISCUSSION OF MEMBER-  
SHIP QUESTIONS. UK REP STATED THAT WEST SHOULD SEEK TO

HAVE ONE NATO AND ONE WESTERN ALIGNED COUNTRY ADMITTED TO CD. CANADIAN REP ASKED US POSITION. US REP (FISHER) OBSERVED THAT WE WERE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON SELECTION CRITERIA OR US PREFERENCES FOR PARTICULAR CANDIDATES. FRG REP (PFEIFFER) EXPRESSED CONCERN AT LACK OF PROGRESS AND CAUTIONED THAT IF WE DO NOT MOVE MORE RAPIDLY TO FORMULATE OUR POSITIONS, THE RESOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION MAY WELL MOVE TO NEW YORK WHERE THE AVAILABLE SEATS WOULD BE DIVIDED AMONG REGIONAL GROUPS, A VIEW WHICH APPEARED TO BE GENERALLY SHARED AMONG THE OTHER WESTERN GROUP REPS. UK REP ADDED THAT IMPATIENCE AND SUSPICION AMONG NON-ALIGNED WERE MOUNTING AND THAT IF WESTERN COUNTRIES FAILED TO GET ANYTHING MOVING, WEST WOULD BE CONFRONTED WITH A LESS DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE SELECTION PROCEDURE, SUCH AS THAT MENTIONED BY FRG REP.

3. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION, DUTCH, JAPANESE, AND CANADIAN REPS STATED THEIR GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTED AUSTRALIA. DUTCH REP ALSO VOICED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR BELGIUM. JAPANESE REP EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN HAVING GREATER REPRESENTATION FROM PACIFIC/ASIAN AREA AND OBSERVED THAT INDONESIA MAY BE PREFERABLE TO SRI LANKA SINCE INDIA AND PAKISTAN WERE ALREADY REPRESENTING THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT. DUTCH REP STATED NETHERLANDS ALSO FOUND INDONESIA, AS A MORE IMPORTANT STATE, PREFERABLE TO SRI LANKA, BUT THAT FORMALLY HIS GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED ONLY

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AUSTRALIA AND BELGIUM.

4. JAPANESE REP STATED HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK CO-OPERATION IN FACILITATING PARTICIPATION OF CHINA IN FUTURE CD, IF NOT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CD, THEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AFTER GENERAL DISCUSSION OF WHETHER A CHAIR SHOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR PRC AT CD, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE FOR WESTERN COUNTRIES TO INDIVIDUALLY APPROACH PRC DELEGATION ON THE MARGINS OF THE UNDC AND SEEK THEIR VIEWS.

5. UK REP DISTRIBUTED LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE MADE DEMARCHES IN LONDON CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP IN CD AND ADDED THAT THEY HAD SECOND-HAND INFORMATION THAT SOMALIA WOULD SEEK MEMBERSHIP. DUTCH REP STATED THAT TUNISIA AND ZAMBIA WERE ALSO CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP. UK LIST FOLLOWS:

WESTERN GROUP

AUSTRALIA  
BELGIUM

DENMARK  
GREECE  
NEW ZEALAND  
NORWAY  
SPAIN  
TURKEY  
NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED

ALGERIA  
AUSTRIA  
COSTA RICA  
CUBA

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